

State Democrats Ask Special Session Legislature To Vote For Ratification of Suffrage Amendment

FRANCE ALONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OCCUPYING TOWNS

Statement Says Other Allied Nations Were All Opposed To Plan

A DELICATE SITUATION DECLARED TO BE RESULT

While The French Government Acted In Good Faith, Troops Should Not Have Been Sent Except As Last Resort; Other Countries Ready To Act If and When Time Comes

London, April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a long conference which the French Ambassador, Paul Cambon, had with Premier Lloyd George today, and a full discussion of the French-German incident by the cabinet council, at which the French view was fully explained to the British ministers, an authoritative statement was issued to the effect that France acted entirely on her own initiative in deciding to occupy German towns; that Great Britain, the United States, Italy, and Belgium were all opposed to the plan and that France's action has caused a delicate situation.

The matter is under discussion of the British and French governments and the hope is expressed that the situation may be eased.

BODIES OF 87 HEROES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

New York, April 8.—Bringing from Southampton, England, bodies of 87 American soldiers who died in the service of their country on foreign soil, the gray transport Nantuxet docked here today, her flag at half mast.

FEDERAL CONTROL IS EXPENSIVE FOR MONTH

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Railroad operating revenues for February, the last month of Federal control, fell \$6,954,000 below operating expenses and thereby increased the government's deficit.

ADMIRAL WILSON DISAGREES WITH SIMS' CRITICISMS

Active Fleet Never Better Prepared For War Than In April of 1917

NAVY DESERVES HIGHEST COMMENDATION, HE SAYS

Department Whole-Heartedly and Energetically Co-Operated With Allies From Moment War Declared, Naval Officer Tells Senate Naval Committee at Hearing

Washington, April 8.—Admiral H. B. Wilson, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, disagreed today with many of Rear Admiral Sims' criticisms of the Navy Department's conduct of the war.

Asked by Chairman Hale concerning Admiral Sims' charge that the Navy Department in the first six months prolonged the war four months and cost 500,000 lives, Admiral Wilson said: "I do not believe that can be true. On the contrary, our co-operation shortened the war and saved much life and property."

ADVISOR KILLED

Berlin, April 8.—It is semi-officially stated that a German patrol, under Lieutenant Count Kalnau, was fired on yesterday near Niederwoelst, sixteen miles north of Frankfurt, by five sentries. Kalnau was wounded and subsequently died.

TRIPS TO REMAIN

The Hague, April 8.—A dispatch to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant from Duisburg, says a commission of allied officers which arrived in Duisburg to investigate whether the presence of government troops in the neutral region still was necessary decided that the government forces should remain there until all the rails had surrendered their arms and a new satisfactory guard was formed.

HOTEL PROPRIETORS WANT "RIGHT NAMES"

Prohibition Given As Cause For High Rates; Favor Beer and Wines

TRAINING PLAN IS HOPELESSLY LOST

Washington, April 8.—Facing certain defeat, Senate supporters of compulsory universal military training today retreated from pressing the adoption of their plan for four months' training of all youths as a part of the army reorganization bill.

TWO NEW ATTACKS BY VILLA ARE REPORTED

Juarez, Mex., April 8.—Two new attacks on trains of the Mexican Central Railroad by followers of Francisco Villa, the revolutionary leader, were reported here today.

BELGIAN TROOPERS MAY ENTER RUHR REGION

Brussels, April 8.—King Albert presided today at a cabinet meeting at which it was decided, as a token of friendship to France and of solidarity with the allies, that Belgium is prepared to send a detachment into the Ruhr region.

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CHARLOTTE PLANS TO BUILD NE WHOLE

Charlotte, April 8.—At a meeting of citizens and committees sponsoring the campaign for stock in the proposed million dollar hotel tonight it was unanimously decided to build the hotel.

PREDICT TODAY TO SEE BREAKING OF RAILROAD STRIKE

Officials of Brotherhood and Switchmen's Union of That Opinion

WALKOUT SPREADS FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC

Chicago, April 8.—The unauthorized strike of switchmen and railroad engineers which started in the Chicago district had spread today to several cities and will be broken within the next 48 hours.

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CAROLINIANS TAKE LEADING PART IN FIGHT OVER PEACE

Representatives Pou and Small Deliver Hot Speeches In House

G. O. P. RESOLUTION IS VIGOROUSLY ASSAILED

Not Offered In Good Faith But Is Designed To Make Political Capital; No One Believes Anything Will Come of Measure; Whole Scheme Is To Embarrass Wilson

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STATE CONVENTION TAKES ISSUE SQUARELY AND VOTES

DECLARES TREATY BEATEN BY MONEY

SUFFRAGE FIGHT IS WARM CONTEST

Palmer In Georgia Speech Says Majority Vote Bought In Michigan

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